

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 17, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.
  - A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
  - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell.
  - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of May 3, 2005. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
  - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS INDIANA” Eric Hayes, Deputy City Attorney and Chuck Boll, Personnel Director. Chuck Boll stated he was presenting the Ordinance for second reading since it had been postponed from the last meeting in order to have time to make the necessary corrections discussed in the first reading. Discussion followed regarding several of the numbered policies. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Ordinance as follows:

**Under Policy Number 8 Travel and Expenses Policy – Credit Card Use – Reimbursement.** The word “reimbursement” should be changed to “*payment*” in all appropriate places.

**Under Policy Number 27 Violence Prevention Policy – New Policy Weapons Policy – Policy,** it should read as follows, Weapons include visible and concealed weapons, including those for which the owner has necessary permits. Weapons can include firearms, knives with a blade longer than three (3) inches, explosive materials *or any other objects generally considered a weapon* that could be used to harass, intimidate, or injure another individual, employee, manager, or supervisor.

Included in the motion was a directive for Chuck Boll to make contact with the Indiana League of Cities and Towns and determine if there is any information available concerning **Policy Number 44 Employee Standards and Procedures Policy (iv) Political Campaigning.**

The motion was seconded by Jesse Brand. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Craig Hawes made a motion to postpone the second reading until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2005 in order to make the amendments and to allow Chuck Boll time to research the (iv) Political Campaigning. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-7” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “B-1” (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS).” Jeff Bergman, Director of Planning, presented this Ordinance. He indicated the Columbus Plan Commission met and gave this application an unfavorable recommendation. He explained at the Plan Commission meeting no area property owners spoke for or against the request. Rita McCormick, owner of the property at 2035 10<sup>th</sup> Street spoke of the reasons she felt the property should be rezoned. She presented letters from neighbors who were not opposed to the re-zoning. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to deny the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1. August Tindell voted against the motion.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. The next regular scheduled meeting is June 7, 2005 at 7:00 o’clock P.M.
- C. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 o’clock P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer